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OCTOBER MEETING

Mr. H. J. Gramlich, Director of the Agricultural and Forestry Development Department of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad will be the Guest Speaker at the October 23 meeting of the USDA Club of Chicago.

His speech is titled "Current Outlook for Agriculture."

The meeting will be held at the Fountainview Upstairs Dining Room, Michigan Avenue and Harrison Street, at 12:00 noon.

PMA CLUB PLANS FALL FROLIC NOVEMBER 10

"FALL FROLIC" is the label hung on the autumn party of the P.M.A. Employees' Club. The date: Monday evening, November 10. The place: Civil Service Post, American Legion, 349 South Clark Street. The feature attraction: Jimmy Ray's Band. And it's FREE to P.M.A. Club members. Wives, husbands, and guests will be charged \$1 per head.

It's a new place for the party, the Club officers point out, chosen not alone because of its convenient location, at the corner of Van Buren and Clark, but also because of its attractiveness.

Jimmy Ray's orchestra will provide the music. This popular Chicago musical aggregation has provided melodious dancing for patrons of most of Chicago's leading hotel ballrooms in recent years.

Club representatives chose the date of Monday, November 10, as the most desirable of all fall dates because it will be followed by a holiday without conflicting with usual week-end activities.

Club members will have the advantage of the usual policy of no admission charge at the door. Refreshments will be available at the usual rock bottom prices, with tidbits such as popcorn and potato chips served with the compliments of the Club.

Club Steward Bill Hoffman is in charge of party arrangements; Treasurer Annette Schnell directs finances; Secretary Lorrie Stewart handles publicity.

"With so much fun available for free," say the officers, "no PMA Club member can afford to stay home."

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WARD TO REPRESENT USDA

Maurice Ward, PMA Personnel Management Division chief, has been designated USDA representative on the Regional Council of Federal Agencies of Chicago.

The Council is an informal organization of heads of federal agencies or branches in Chicago. It meets once a month to exchange ideas and information and to discuss problems common to most agencies.

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NEW MEMBERS

Berenice Hannah, Wool Division, Livestock Branch, PMA; Howard D. Kurtz, Grain Branch; and Emma L. Perry, Fiscal Division, PMA, were admitted to membership at the September Club meeting.

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NATIONAL SAFETY MEETING

The National Safety Conference will be held in Chicago, October 19 through 23. This is an annual national conference attended by industrial and government personnel.

USDA will be represented by Carl Herrick and James Buckley of the Office of Personnel; Richard Gossom, Personnel Management Division, PMA; Harry Garver, Agricultural Research Administration; Seth Jackson, Forest Service; Charles Mead, Bureau of Animal Industry; and Louise Robinson, Rural Electrification Administration; all from Washington.

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USDA CLUB MEMBERS HEALTHY

The Chairman of the Welfare Committee says that USDA Club members have been unusually healthy all year. Only two members have been reported to her as being ill.

Latest addition is Ann Grusin, Office of Information Services.

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NEW BOWLING LEAGUE OFFICER

Arthur Dushek of Federal Crop Insurance Corporation is the new treasurer of the USDA Bowling League.

"Art" replaces Charlotte Hockensmith who was elected treasurer at the beginning of the bowling season. Art is captain of the Hornets team again this year.

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MORE FOREIGN VISITORS

Chicago USDA offices will have more foreign visitors in the next few weeks.

Six German agricultural information trainees are expected by the Office of Information Services on October 27. They are interested in learning how agricultural information is distributed to radio, press, and other outlets.

A dairy cattleman from Finland will visit the Personnel Management Division October 27 also. He is interested in seeing Chicago's Union Stockyards, packing plants, and other examples of agricultural processing and distribution.

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NOVEMBER IS AGRICULTURE MONTH

November is Agriculture month in Chicago.

Conferences and meetings of interest to USDA'ers scheduled for then are:

National Home Demonstration Agents Association, Sherman Hotel - November 5-8.

International Livestock Exposition, November 29-December 6.

National Assoc. Radio Farm Directors, November 29-30.

National Assoc. County Agents, Edgewater Beach Hotel - November 29-December 3.

National 4-H Club Congress, November 30-December 4.

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